

# Embassy REIT Announces ₹3,348 million Acquisition of Embassy Business Hub in Bangalore

- Expands presence in North Bangalore with a 1.4 msf campus-style Grade A office property
- NOI and NAV accretive transaction at an attractive 4.5% discount to average of two independent valuations
- Stable cash flow visibility from 0.4 msf area nearing completion, with further growth upside from 1 msf development

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Embassy Office Parks REIT (NSE: EMBASSY / BSE: 542602) ('Embassy REIT'), India's first listed REIT and the largest office REIT in Asia by area, announced today that it has agreed to acquire Embassy Business Hub, a 1.4 million square feet ('msf') office property in Bangalore, for a total enterprise value of ₹3,348 million (\$41 million). Embassy REIT plans to primarily fund the acquisition through debt at 8.1% interest cost per annum, for which it has secured binding commitments from leading financial institutions.

Embassy Business Hub, a 59-acre campus-style business park, is situated in the high visibility growth corridor of North Bangalore, and is close to both the airport and Embassy REIT's 15.2 msf flagship property Embassy Manyata. Embassy REIT is acquiring Embassy Sponsor's affiliates' share of 1.4 msf total leasable area, of which 0.4 msf is nearing completion and 93% pre-committed to Philips, a global electronics major and member of the Fortune Global 500 and the balance 1 msf is in early stages of development.

### Vikaash Khdloya, Chief Executive Officer of Embassy REIT, said,

"Embassy REIT's acquisition of this high-quality, well-connected, wellness-oriented business park expands our dominant presence and office offerings in Bangalore, which undisputedly remains the most sought-after office market in India. This tuck-in acquisition is priced attractively, embeds further growth in the REIT portfolio, and creates long-term value for our Unitholders."

#### **Transaction Highlights**

- Total enterprise valuation of ₹3,348 million (\$41 million) at a 4.5% discount to the average of two independent valuations
- Fully financed acquisition with binding commitments from leading financial institutions at 8.1% interest cost per annum
- Attractive acquisition with expected Net Operating Income ('NOI') yield of 8.25%, proforma NOI accretion of 104 bps and proforma Net Asset Value ('NAV') accretion of 2 bps, all on a stabilized basis
- Secured a Right of First Offer ('ROFO') for future phases of Embassy Business Hub, totaling 46 acres, further extending REIT's growth options

Embassy REIT followed stringent related party safeguards, including securing approval by independent directors of the Board of the REIT Manager and a fairness opinion from Axis Capital Limited to the Board of the REIT Manager. Additionally, REIT Manager will not receive any fees linked to the acquisition. The acquisition is expected to be completed on or before April 30, 2023, subject to completion of customary conditions precedent.

Ernst and Young LLP provided financial and tax due diligence services and S&R Associates served as the legal advisor to Embassy REIT. Axis Capital Limited provided a fairness opinion to the independent directors of the Manager to Embassy REIT for the proposed acquisition and opined that, subject to assumptions and limitations of the scope, the acquisition value is fair, from a financial point of view, to the public Unitholders of Embassy REIT.

## **About Embassy REIT**

Embassy REIT is India's first publicly listed Real Estate Investment Trust ('REIT'). Embassy REIT owns and operates a 43.6 msf portfolio of eight infrastructure-like office parks and four city-centre office buildings in India's best-performing office markets of Bangalore, Mumbai, Pune, and the National Capital Region ('NCR'). Embassy REIT's portfolio comprises 34.3 msf completed operating area and is home to around 230 of the world's leading companies. The portfolio also comprises strategic amenities, including four operational business hotels, two under-construction hotels, and a 100 MW solar park supplying renewable energy to tenants. Embassy REIT's industry leading ESG program has received multiple accolades from renowned global institutions and was awarded a 5-star rating both from the British Safety Council and GRESB. Embassy REIT was also recognized as the world's largest 'USGBC LEED Platinum-Certified' office portfolio (v4.1 O+M) by Green Business Certification Inc. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.embassyofficeparks.com">www.embassyofficeparks.com</a>.

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#### Notes:

- 1. Out of 1.4 msf of Embassy Sponsor affiliate's area share entitlement in Embassy Business Hub, 0.4 msf is currently nearing completion with the balance 1.0 msf in early stages of development. Building occupancy certificate for 0.4 msf is expected by October 2023
- 2. Total Enterprise Value of ₹3,348 million shall be subject to adjustments in relation to net debt, working capital and other customary adjustments, as agreed among the parties. Net consideration towards equity shares of target SPV (up to ₹ 15 million) to be funded entirely through internal accruals of Embassy REIT

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